

BioGSA Meeting

Date: 8 Oct 2020

Location: Zoom

		Discussion/Future Action
Special business		n/a
Reports	President/Vice President (Amy & Aldrin)	Proposal to change Dept. Seminar speaker selection to invitation rather than open call for abstracts: Due to low submissions in previous semesters, an agreement was made to try inviting grad student/post doc speakers selected by BioGSA. A specific selection process will be established and will be used to invite the speakers for spring semester (seminar date Feb. 9). Selection for Spring 2021 will move forward this fall.
	Treasurer (Terrence)	n/a
	Fundraising Rep (Sara)	T-shirt sales will move forward via Marketplace. Paperwork has been submitted to get store approval. Budget for initial merchandise purchase is \$1500-1700. Shirts and jackets will be offered in limited numbers (more stock will be ordered if initial sales are going well). Once sales are ready, a link will be sent first to faculty, staff, grad students, and post docs who want to order without paying for shipping (could distribute into boxes in BSBW?). That option will only be available for a short time. After that, sales will be opened up more generally (undergrads and beyond) and only distributed by mail.
	GPC (Aditi)	n/a
	Faculty meeting Rep (Marko)	One student question related to requests to not teach in person during spring. Marko and Kristen will follow up with the student regarding the approval process. (Dept. is not in charge of deciding which classes are online or in person, those requests go through the provost for approval.)
	GPSG senators (Kasuni, Jordan)	GPSG has a research spotlight, students interested in being featured can submit material (Jordan will send on an email about this).

	SPRC (Maureen, Valerie)	SPRC committee has not yet met for their final wrap-up session.
	GRAC (Andrea)	n/a
	College of Science Committee Rep (Kristen)	<p>Pocket pantry plans are moving forward, likely ready to send out next week? It is now a multi-college effort so colleges will share resources if any one gets more supplies of one type than needed.</p> <p>University meeting is going to be held related to extending the mandatory payment of fees and tuition to a 6th year for students whose progress was delayed due to COVID-19. If this extension is mandated, money has to come from somewhere. Might be in the form of limiting number of incoming grad students? If incoming students are limited, might be a shortage of TAs? (These are discussions taking place; they are not things grad students can necessarily influence for now.)</p> <p>Deadline for requesting TA modifications/accommodations has passed. If anyone missed the deadline or has other issues related to this, contact Kristen directly.</p>
Old Business		
New Business		
Next Meeting	12 Nov. 2020	